



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE 6TH REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 27, 2002

Paukukalo Community Center
Hale Pomaika`i
657 Kaumuali`i Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Charles PMK Burrows, Ed.D; Jeffrey Chang, Gilbert S. Coloma-Agaran; Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson; Robert J. Luyuwai, Vice-Chair; Craig Neff, and Burt Sakata

Staff Members

Present: Stanton Enomoto; Keoni Fairbanks, Executive Director; Ray Enos, Deputy AG; Paul Higashino; Charles Isaacs, Operations Manager; Keaulani LeBron; C. Kayönohi Lee; Penny Levin; Charles Lindsey; Deepak Neupane; and Kristin Thomas

Others

Present: N. Emmett Aluli, M.D., PKO; Jim Froneberger, PUXB; Noren Kawakami, PACDIV; Manny Kuloloio; CDR Norman Messinger, CNRH; Tom McCabe, PUXB; Jim Putnam, PACDIV; and Norma Wong, KIRC Consultant

CALL TO ORDER - WORKSHOP

Chair Machado called the workshop to order at 9:35 am. A quorum was established with the following four commissioners present: Chair Machado, Commissioners Chang, Burrows, and Neff. Executive Director (ED), Keoni Fairbanks, provided an overview of the workshop discussion points.

ED Fairbanks then asked Stanton Enomoto to brief the Commissioners on the documents transmitted by the Navy on their cleanup projections they will be presenting to the Commission during the Public Meeting. The documents included a letter from Admiral Conway to Sam Callejo, the Governor's Chief of Staff requesting the State's views regarding the Navy's projected end state. The letter was sent in response to a request made by the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Governor's office re-directed the request for information to the KIRC. Included in the transmittal was a series of maps and notes explaining what the numbers meant and justification for the numbers. Stanton said that the item of note is the projected clearance acreage, which they feel confident they will achieve: 19,500 acres of Tier I and 2,500 acres of Tier II cleared. The rest of the maps were projections depending on the amount of funding appropriated in the Federal FY`03 budget.

Stanton informed the Commissioners that a response is being prepared, which will be forwarded to the Navy sometime next week.

There was a discussion with the Commission's consultant, attorney, and staff regarding duties and liabilities of the Commission in planning for the transition of Kahoolawe from Navy to State of Hawai'i management in November of 2003. The discussion also included projected funding needs to accomplish future program goals as set by the Commission.

ED Fairbanks presented an overview of the revised KIRC FY '03 Budget and highlighted the revisions. The total FY '03 budget amount is \$5,817,000. He explained that some of the KIRC programs have been consolidated and a few personnel changes made. Remediation and Operations have been consolidated into one program, Operations. CIP, long-term infrastructure development, other engineering activities, logistics, maintenance, and IT support will also be under the Operations Program. The strategic planning and outside legal services that were under the Remediation Program is now part of the Administration FY '03 budget.

As for staffing, ED Fairbanks stated that there were seven (7) positions included in FY '02 budget that were not filled and are included again in the FY '03 budget. Staffing needs are based on proposed FY '03 activities as well as workload projections in preparation for November 2003. The FY '03 budget also reflects a Senior Management Team, which consists of a new Senior Program Manager and a new Senior Policy Advisor. These two positions will complement the Executive Director and Operations Manager and provide assistance to both the ED and Commission in effectively coordinating with the State legislature; the Navy; the KIRC's strategic, administrative, and CIP consultants; the Attorney General; other state agencies; and various community and funding organizations.

As per the Commission's recommendations from the May meeting, funding for an inflatable boat (zodiac) for on-island operations, media equipment for the Maui office, and site protection has been added to the proposed budget.

ED Fairbanks provided the Commissioners with an overview of the work plan for each program:

- The Restoration Program will continue with revegetation projects, erosion control at Luamakika and K1 road; develop and implement an alien species control plan and a site-specific erosion control plan for Pu'umōiwi; install a drip irrigation system in Luamakika crater; continue preservation and propagation of the 'Ka Palupalu O Kanaloa' plant; increase revegetation projects with the PKO; and partner with other agencies for funding of restoration projects.
- The Ocean Program will update fish catch reporting procedures; establish permanent transects and reef fish baselines; develop a Threatened/Endangered and Protected Species Management Plan; implement marine habitat mapping and rapid assessment techniques; continue with community outreach, volunteer & intern programs; education & outreach projects.
- Operations will develop a Honokanai'ya (Base Camp) transition plan, a long-term infrastructure plan that will include the Kihei site, a Health and Safety Plan; provide logistical support to all programs; and begin implementation of the Access & Risk Management Plan.
- The Culture & Education Program plan for historic site restoration, specifically Site 101; complete the Cultural Education Plan; develop burial plans as necessary; collaborate with the PKO on cultural education trips; and continue cultural orientation training for new Navy Cleanup workers as needed.

- Administration will continue strategic and transitional planning and Navy negotiations; contracts for media outreach, public relations, fundraising, financial accounting system development; and create senior management positions to aid the Commission and Executive Director.

Commissioner Burrows asked if there is an effort being made in the Culture & Education Program to get schools and youth groups involved and interested in learning about Kahōjōlawe. This is especially good for children/youth who cannot go to Kahōjōlawe. ED Fairbanks explained that it was taken into consideration in the budget with the new positions slated for the Culture & Education Program along with the curriculum development. Commissioner Burrows suggested that the youth be involved in developing an educational website on Kahōjōlawe was an example given for student involvement. Chair Machado also suggested involving the schools as a whole, the DOE, especially here on Maui, Molokaʻi, and Lanai as well as the other islands; or even the immersion schools and Kamehameha Schools. ED Fairbanks informed the Commission that Kalei Tsuha coordinated and will be going to Kahōjōlawe with educators from the DOE, pre-schools, and immersion schools to collaboratively develop a pre-school curriculum.

Chair Machado went over the organizational chart, the duties & responsibilities of the current positions as well as the eight (8) new positions. She also informed the Commission that Stanton Enomoto will be relocating to and working out of the Honolulu office. She welcomed Charles Isaacs, the new Operations Manager. Charles Isaacs informed the Commission that he has been meeting with each staff member face-to-face to get some clarity on position/project descriptions and will move forward from there.

Commissioners Lujuwai and Sakata were present during part of the workshop discussions.

The Workshop recessed at 12:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC MEETING

Chair Machado called the sixth regular meeting for the year 2002 to order at 2:05 pm with *Pule Nā ʻĀumakua* led by ED Fairbanks. A quorum was established with six Commissioners present.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Lujuwai moved to approve the amended agenda as filed.
Seconded by Commissioner Sakata.

ACTION: Motion approved.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2002 MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Sakata moved to approve the June 27, 2002 minutes.
Seconded by Commissioner Burrows.

ACTION: Motion approved.

III. CLEANUP

A. Navy Report

Tom McCabe gave the contractor's report on the status of the clean up. Two maps were provided showing the progress of the clean up as of May 15, 2002 and as of June 26, 2002. He indicated that the significant change is there are no more "red" areas on the map, the island is 100% staked out.

Tom reported that progress is being made on clearing the west side of the island. Some of the Area Prep (AP) teams that are not equipped to clear the Naval Gunfire Range area have been moved to the North Coast, Kūheia, Honokoja, and Base camp areas. Surveying in Kamōhio is progressing and continues to move westward. Clearance is progressing in the Naval Gunfire Range area. Navy acceptance continues in Kanapou, Kalapakea, Hakioawa, and Kūheia. Sub-surface clearance in the Kūheia Ranch area is progressing. The corridor from Luamakika to Kūheia is slow going due to the significant amount of historical sites. Also, there are AP teams in Kealialalo.

Milestones reported by Tom were (1) 84% of the island has been assessed, (2) 4.2 million pounds of scrap has been removed, (3) 54% of the island is surface cleared or better, and (4) a total of 440 workers on the project.

Commissioner Sakata asked about the thermal processing operation. Tom stated that they have process 180,000 lbs. of metal. The process is taking longer than they would like. He also said that they are putting together a test protocol. They are also working on a MOA with the Navy recycling center at Pearl Harbor to accept the material from the island.

Commissioner Neff asked if the teams are clearing close to the caves in Kamōhio. Tom said no; the cave area is inaccessible. They are surveying the circle-island corridor for future trail construction.

Commissioner Burrows asked about the 84% milestone. Tom explained that 84% of the island has been assessed, meaning that a Natural Resource monitor, UXO Tech, and an Archaeologist walked the grid and noted UXO contamination, historic properties, and endangered species. This starts the grid packet and clearance teams use the information when they work the grid.

B. Public Comment/Questions on Navy Report

No public comments.

C. ADM Conway Presentation and Commission Comment

CDR Messenger informed the Commission that in January, the Navy appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and briefed the SASC on the cleanup of Kahojōlawe. Secretary Johnson then made a visit to Kahojōlawe after which he directed the Navy to prepare another briefing and present it to the SASC on July 8, 2002. This briefing is to include the State's view of the cleanup. In an effort to provide a clear picture of the Navy's projected end state, RADM Conway provided the State with maps, tables, and matrix. CDR Messenger asked that the State provide comments, by June 19th on whether the Navy's projected end state matches the State's July 2001 modified priorities and whether the Navy is spending their dollars in accordance with those priorities.

Chair Machado asked KIRC staff if they were prepared to comment. Stanton stated that he has been reviewing the submittal and would like some time to compare the Navy's maps with the priorities and will have a response to the Navy by their deadline.

Chair Machado then stated for the record that in November 2003, the Navy's cleanup will come to an end. Until then, the Navy should do as much as possible, as best as possible, for as long as possible. As for the specific remaining land parcels, the Navy should be following the KIRC's previous prioritization letter. The staff will technically review the maps and they will get back to you in the next few days.

CDR Messinger stated he appreciated her comment. He also provided an answer to a question raised by the Commission at the Dept. of Defense Environmental Safety Board (DDESB) meeting in Washington on who is the Navy's "go to" person. That person is Assistant Secretary Johnson. CDR Messinger also informed the Commission that they will be meeting with the Assistant Secretary in Washington, D.C. prior to appearing before the SASC.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of FY'03 Budget

MOTION: Commissioner Luyuwai moved to approve the KIRC Fiscal Year 2003 Budget totaling \$5,817,137 as proposed by the Executive Director. Seconded by Commissioner Burrows.

ACTION: Motion approved by Commissioners Burrows, Coloma-Agaran, Luyuwai, Neff, Sakata, and Chair Machado.

B. Establish Alternative Energy Task Force – Pursuant to SCR101 SD1

MOTION: Commissioner Burrows moved to recognize the State of Hawai'i's Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 101, S.D.1 and delegate authority to the Executive Director to convene an Alternative Energy Task Force and implement the provisions of SCR101, S.D.1. Seconded by Commissioner Neff.

ACTION: Motion approved by six Commissioners present.

C. KIRC Programs Status Update

Chair Machado asked Charles Isaacs to introduce the managers present to give updates on their programs. She also advised Charles that all staff, especially Program Managers, are to be at all Maui KIRC meetings so they can provide updates on the programs and Commissioners can then ask them questions.

Charles then asked Paul Higashino, Restoration Program Manager, to provide an update on his program.

Paul Higashino informed the Commission that May was another busy month for the Restoration Program and thanked Penny Levin and Andre Perez for making it a productive month. He reported that there were two volunteer groups who went to Kahoolawe. The Pacific Whale Foundation volunteers installed erosion control matting and *pili* grass bales along the roadway. The Kealahou High School students planted 600 *kawelu* plugs in Luamakika. The students' trip was sponsored by the

T.R.E.E. center, a nonprofit environmental education for youth organization based in Kona. They also did some weed control in one of the silt basins.

Staff is also planning and surveying areas to plant for next planting season in November after the planting ceremony at the end of October or early November.

Penny has been working with the Dept. of Health on a possible watershed project and will be taking the group out to Kahōjōlawe on July 3rd.

Paul is also looking at erosion control measures along the K1 road especially in the Puʻumōiwi Bypass area. The rains have caused some erosion that could render it more hazardous to drive in the future.

Penny put together a PowerPoint presentation for the Molokaʻi Queen Liliʻuokalani Children's Center. Also, while on Molokaʻi, staff worked with the Plant Material Center on collecting seeds.

120 bales of *pili* grass was received on island and will be installed as erosion control this summer by 5 volunteer groups starting in mid July through August.

Paul said that there was nothing significant to report on the *Ka Palupalu O Kanaloa*. There was a virus that the Hawaiian Arboretum had to take care of and hopes to get some propagule done this year. All the material for propagation will come from Lāwaʻi. However, trips to ʻĀleʻāle are still being made to look for seeds from the plant growing there.

Chair Machado asked that Paul put together a proposal for Dr. Olson, who is familiar with Kahōjōlawe, to do a moss survey on Kahōjōlawe. While in Washington D.C. the Commissioners visited the Avian Fossil Collection and are anxious to engage the services of these professionals to hopefully work on a habitat that will bring the birds back to Kahōjōlawe.

Commissioner Chang present during the update.

Charles Lindsey, *Hākilo* Captain, informed the Commission that the Coast Guard Marine Safety Panel inspected the *Hākilo* and it passed the boarding inspection. The Courtesy Inspection for T-Boat rating (passenger carrying rating) needs to be updated to meet specifications.

As for the Kihei Boathouse, staff is currently working on some Value Engineering or may put it out to bid again. Deepak Neupane added that there was only one responsive bidder.

ED Fairbanks continued with the KIRC Programs update:

- Ocean Program is continuing to work with volunteers in implementing methods of estimating reef fish and coral growth and will initiate a sea-grass bed survey in Honokanaiʻa in August and October.
- Culture & Education Program continued with Cultural Orientation for KIRC Contractors working on the Rainwater Catchment project. Be it Navy or KIRC contractors, cultural orientation is a requirement prior to working on island.
- The Rainwater Catchment project is progressing. Pictures of the progress were circulated. Deepak reported that 230 footings were installed. The foundation area for the tanks have been graded and the contractor is beginning to construct the tanks. He feels the project is on schedule and should be completed in October 2002.

Stanton provided the update for Operations & Administration

- Brian Stepp is putting together an 8-hour HazWoper training course. He has conducted refresher courses already.
- Brian & Kristin are working on a Health & Safety plan, which should be in place by the end of June.
- The new Administrative Rules is at the Governor's Office awaiting his signature.

Commissioner Luŷuwai asked who would be on the Alternative Energy Task Force. ED Fairbanks explained that pursuant to the resolution, representative will be from various organizations and the University of Hawaiji.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FYI/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Machado thanked Parsons-UXB for their contribution toward the exhibit opening and reception. It was a wonderful celebration for everyone.

The next KIRC meeting will be held on June 19 on Maui.

Commissioner Neff reiterated the need for staff to be at Commission meetings. He said that it is the only time the Commissioners get to see the staff as well as ask questions.

Commissioner Luŷuwai expressed the same feelings. ED Fairbanks said we will try for 100% participation at the next Commission meeting on Maui.

ED Fairbanks thanked Commissioner Neff for his contributions and work with the Commission, with Kalei Tsuha, and being the bridge between the KIRC and PKO. KIRC staff looks forward to working with him in an ongoing community consulting capacity. Chair Machado expressed her appreciation for the work that Commissioner Neff did and also anticipates working with him in the future.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Sakata moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Neff.

ACTION: Motion approved all seven commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.